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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, Applicant responds to the restriction requirement as follows:

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REMARKS

In the present application, a preliminary amendment canceled claims 1-7 and now only claims 8-11 pending.

The Examiner has determined that claims 8-11 are now subject to a restriction requirement and requires election. Therein, the Examiner is requiring restriction between the following species for reasons of multiplicity:

Bearing Retainer

- a. Group I, Figures 12-15;
- b. Group II, Figures 16-17;
- c. Group III, Figures 18-20;
- d. Group IV, Figures 21-24;
- e. Group V, Figure 25;
- f. Group VI, Figure 26;
- g. Group VII, Figure 27;
- h. Group VIII, Figures 28-30;
- i. Group IX, Figures 31-33;
- j. Group X, Figures 34-36.

Bearing Seal

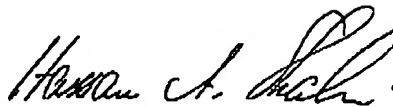
- a. Group XI, Figures 37-38;
- b. Group XII, Figures 39-40;
- c. Group XIII, Figures 44-45;
- d. Group XIV, Figures 46-47; and
- e. Group XV, Figures 48-49.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species comprising the bearing retainer of item a, i.e. Group I, Figures 12-15, and the bearing seal of item c, i.e. Group XIII, Figures 44-45. Thereto, claim 8 reads on the elected species.

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Respectfully submitted,



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